

ANNUAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1897.

Prof. G. B. HOWES, Sec.L.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

Mr. F. Crawford and Mr. W. M. Webb were appointed scrutineers. The following Report was read:—

“Your Council, in presenting their fourth Annual Report, have to detail a year of steady progress.

The Membership of the Society continues to increase, and the roll on December 31st stood as follows:—

Ordinary members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	
Corresponding members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	
Total							.....	162

as against 158 in 1895, and 153 in 1894.

During the past year eleven new Members have been elected, five have resigned, and two, namely Mons. A. Brot and Herr B. Schmacker, have been removed by death. One Member has been transferred from the Ordinary to the Corresponding list; while two candidates awaited election at the close of the year.

Your Council think it may be of interest to place on record the Geographical Distribution of the Corresponding Members, which is as follows: Europe 20, Australasia 24, North America and West Indies 9, India and Ceylon 6, South Africa 5, and one each in Egypt, the Philippines, and the Hawaiian Islands.

The finances of the Society are still in a flourishing condition. After payment of all liabilities there remains a balance of £29 4s. 1d. in the Treasurer's hands. The sum of £50 placed on deposit at our Bankers, as announced in last year's Report, has been withdrawn, and the sum of £52 6s. 3d. expended in the purchase of £50 Metropolitan 2½ per cent. stock.

The Presidential Address was delivered on February 14th, 1896, and twenty-seven communications by seventeen authors have also been made to the Society.

Since the last Annual General Meeting three more numbers of the 'Proceedings' have been issued, forming the first portion of Vol. II, and comprising 136 pages with ten plates and numerous illustrations in the text. Another part is in course of preparation.

Your thanks are due to the following gentlemen, who have borne a large proportion of the cost of the illustrations, or have assisted by furnishing the drawings: R. H. Burne, W. E. Collinge, G. C. Crick, W. Garstang, G. Gilson, G. K. Gude, J. C. Melvill, E. A. Smith, G. B. Sowerby, H. Suter, and E. R. Sykes.

Further, your thanks are specially due to the Council of the Linnean Society, through whose kindness the Society has, as in previous years, been permitted to hold its meetings in Burlington House."

On the motion of Mr. W. M. Webb, seconded by Mr. A. S. Kennard, the above was adopted as the Annual Report of the Society. The following were elected as the Officers and Council for the year 1897:—

*President.*—Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., etc.

*Vice-Presidents.*—Prof. G. B. Howes, Sec. L.S., etc.; J. Cosmo Melvill, M.A., F.L.S., etc.; Rev. R. Boog Watson, LL.D., F.Z.S., etc.; Dr. H. Woodward, F.R.S., etc.

*Treasurer.*—G. F. Harris, F.G.S., etc.

*Secretary.*—E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.Z.S., etc.

*Editor.*—B. B. Woodward, F.L.S., etc.

*Six other Members of Council.*—S. I. Da Costa; H. W. Monckton, F.L.S., etc.; R. Bullen Newton, F.G.S., etc.; E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.; G. B. Sowerby, F.L.S., etc.; Lieut.-Col. W. Wilmer.

The retiring President delivered an address, in which he dealt with the progress of Malacology during the past year.

The following motion, proposed by Dr. Woodward, and seconded by Mr. Da Costa, was passed unanimously: "That a vote of thanks be given to the President for his address; and that the address be printed *in extenso* in the 'Proceedings' of the Society."

Votes of thanks were passed to the Retiring Officers, Auditors, and Scrutineers.

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#### ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1897.

Lieut.-Col. H. H. GODWIN-AUSTEN, F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

The Rev. E. G. Alderson was elected a member of the Society.

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#### ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1897.

Lieut.-Col. H. H. GODWIN-AUSTEN, F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

The following were elected to membership of the Society: R. A. Bullen, Adrien Dollfus, W. A. Herdman.

The following communications were read:—

1. "On the Dentition of the Pupidæ." By the Rev. Professor H. M. Gwatkin.

2. "Notes on some Type-specimens in the British Museum." By E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.

3. "Note on *Mitra obscura*, Hutton." By H. Suter.

4. "Descriptions of some new Helicoid and Operculate Land-shells from Ceylon." By E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.Z.S., etc.

Mr. E. A. Smith exhibited specimens of *Sitala Barrakporensis*, Pfr., from Africa, and remarked that the species was originally described by Pfeiffer as *Helix Barrakporensis*, from Barrakpore. It had since been